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EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: Nos. 232, 237, 240, 241, 242, 243, and nominations in the Army on the Secretary's desk.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed as follows:

ARMY

The following Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C. section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Peter J. Gravett, 0000
 Brig. Gen. Walter J. Pudlowski, Jr., 0000
 Brig. Gen. Frederic J. Raymond, 0000

To be brigadier general

Col. Lewis E. Brown, 0000
 Col. Dan M. Colglazier, 0000
 Col. James A. Cozine, 0000
 Col. David C. Godwin, 0000
 Col. Carl N. Grant, 0000
 Col. Herman G. Kirven, Jr., 0000

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Armando Falcon, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, for a term of five years.

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Zell Miller, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2000.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Edward W. Stimpson, of Idaho, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Counsel of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE ARMY

Army nominations beginning *Eric J. Albertson, and ending *Stanley E. Whitten, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 3, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Roger F. Hall, Jr., and ending Paul K. Wohl, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 3, 1999.

Army nomination of Robert A. Vigersky, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Michael V. Kostiw, and ending David T. Ulmer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Robert S. Adams, and ending Jeffrey P. Stolrow, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Jon A. Hinman, and ending *Glenn R. Scheib, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning James E. Cobb, and ending Curtis G. Whiteford, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Herbert J. Andrade, and ending Nathan A. K. Wong, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Richard P. Anderson, and ending Gary F. Wainwright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

Army nominations beginning *Rodney H. Allen, and ending *Clifton E. Yu, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 1999.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDER FOR STAR PRINT—S. 1574

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a star print of S. 1574 be made with the changes that are already at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENTS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to consideration of Calendar No. 287, S. 1051.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1051) to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to manage the Strategic Petroleum Reserve more effectively, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Title I of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6211–6251) is amended—

(a) In section 166 (42 U.S.C. 6246), by inserting "through 2003" after "1999".

(b) In section 181 (42 U.S.C. 6251), by striking "1999" each place it appears and inserting "2003".

SEC. 2. Title II of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6261–6285) is amended—

(a) In section 256(h) (41 U.S.C. 6276(h)), by inserting "through 2003" after "1997".

(b) In section 281 (42 U.S.C. 6285), by striking "1999" each place it appears and inserting "2003".

Mr. SPECTER. I ask unanimous consent that the committee substitute be agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1051), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY SENATE COMMITTEES

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 289, S. Res. 189.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 189) authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods of October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, and October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I am pleased to support the resolution before the Senate today which authorizes funding for 18 Senate standing committees through the remainder of the biennium ending on February 28, 2001.

This resolution marks another milestone in the development of the biennial funding authority for committees, first authorized in the 100th Congress. Since 1989, the Senate has funded committees on a two-year basis. The two-year budget has given the authorizing committees, and the Rules Committee in its capacity as the oversight committee, a management tool for efficiently operating the Senate committees. The two-year budget process allows for a continuity of funding which provides greater flexibility in allocating committee funds and scheduling committee business. Although the Rules Committee has adjusted the biennial funding authority in the past to provide greater flexibility to committees, the Senate has consistently approved a biennial budget for committee funding in each of the last six Congresses.

In the 106th Congress, changes in the Senate financial management system